

Counselor's Corner

April 2019

- **KIP Survey Results:** This week, Ms. Weber received detailed survey results for all students in 6th and 8th grade who participated in the "Kentucky Incentives for Prevention" survey in the fall of this school year. As a reminder, the intent of this survey is to "anonymously assess student use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, as well as a number of factors related to potential substance abuse and risk for mental health disorders, bullying, dating violence, and suicide." The district report shows Southgate students' responses as compared to other public-school students in the region and the state. Ms. Weber plans to meet with the administrative team to analyze the district report and share pertinent results with board members and other stakeholders. More to come!
- **Online Learning:** Ms. Weber participated in a conference call with representatives from the Edgenuity online learning company on Tuesday morning. Looking ahead to next year, Ms. Weber would like to continue to offer advanced courses in Spanish 1 and Algebra 1 for qualifying 8th graders. She is also discussing the option of shifting our current licenses to include other interesting online electives for our students. The goal for the 2019-2020 school year is to provide enrichment elective course options for interested middle school students scoring above the 85th percentile on MAP testing. Edgenuity reps are working to put together a new suite of courses that would meet our growing needs and maintain our current price point.
- **Cross-Age Mentoring:** Mentoring has begun on Friday afternoons in the counseling office. Three 7th grade students have been paired with 4 students in grades K-2 to meet weekly for positive interaction. The younger students met their mentors before spring break and had the opportunity to get to know each other through playing board games and/or working puzzles together. Overall, the experience seemed positive for all the students involved and will continue until the end of the school year.
- **Girls on the Run:** The Spring 2019 season of Girls on the Run is in full swing. The team will participate in their practice 5K on Thursday, April 25th, beginning at 3:15. Ms. Weber will be contacting team parents in the next two weeks to pair each girl with an adult running buddy. Running buddies can be a family member or a staff member from Southgate School. The practice 5K will give the girls and their buddies an opportunity to complete a 5K together before the actual race day in May. Ms. Weber encourages family and community members to line the sidewalks in front of school on April 25th to cheer on our wonderful girls and volunteers!
- **KPrep Reward Incentive and Assembly:** Ms. Weber contacted AMC Newport on the Levee theater this week to organize a movie field trip to reward any students who scored proficient or better on each section of their Kprep Assessment last year. The administrative team voted to save this incentive for the spring to (hopefully) serve as a reminder to all students to give 100% on the state assessment. The administrative team will also meet this month to schedule a KPrep Assembly/Pep Rally to begin the testing window on a positive note. Details to follow.